

**METHOD AND DEVICE FOR PROVIDING CONFERENCES**Abstract

5 A control interface and method between an  
announcement/dialog function with voice recognition  
functionality and a conference management function, via  
which the conference can be initiated and controlled  
during its course. The conference management function  
10 receives the characteristic data of relevance to the  
conference in its dialog with the conference leader and  
the conferees via the announcement/dialog function,  
reserves the corresponding resources in advance and has  
direct access via a further interface to the conference  
15 control functions, which can also be influenced during  
the conference in dialog with the conferees.